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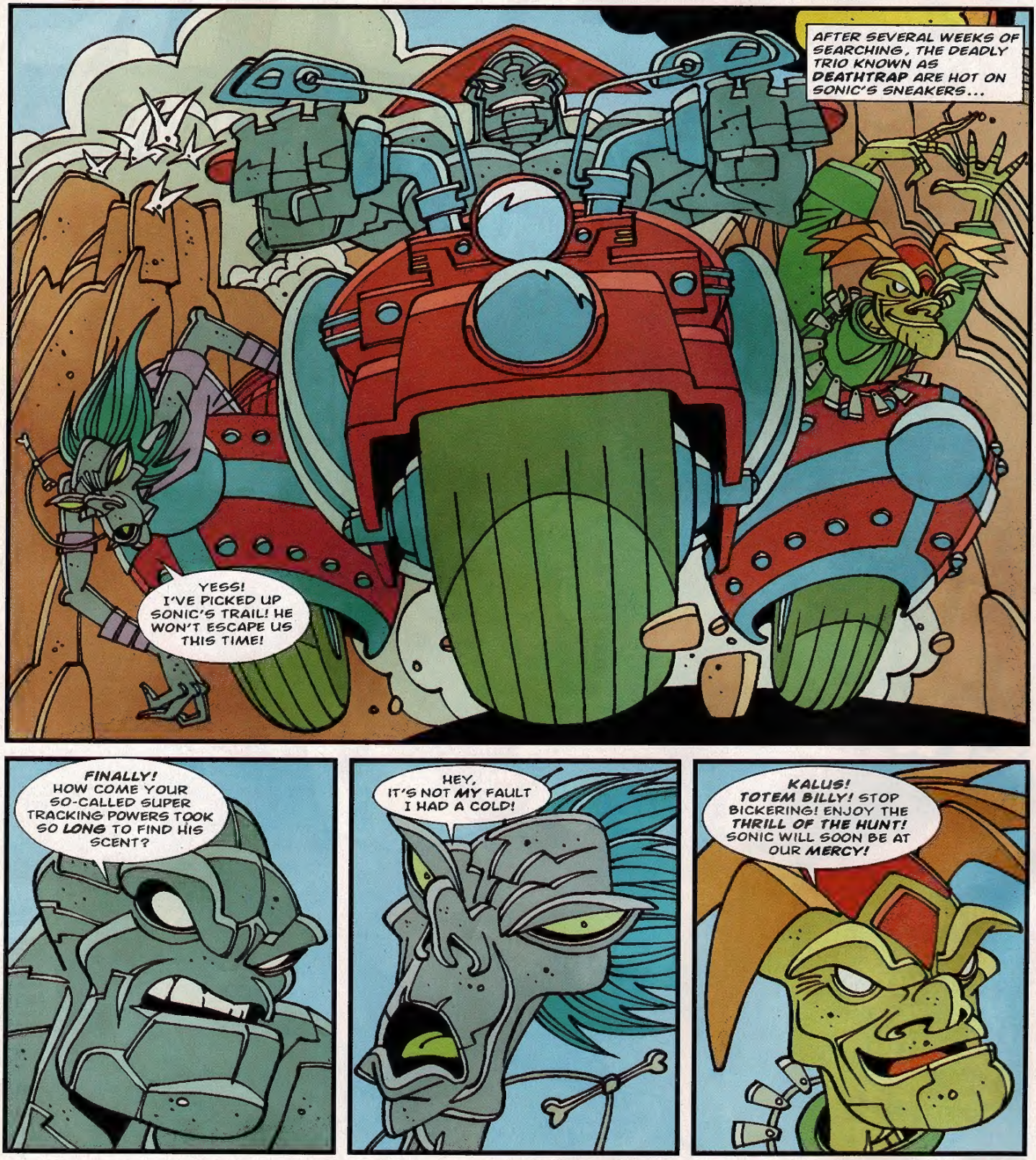
AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF SEARCHING, THE DEADLY TRIO KNOWN AS DEATHTRAP ARE HOT ON SONIC'S SNEAKERS...
YESS! I'VE PICKED UP SONIC'S TRAIL! HE WON'T ESCAPE US THIS TIME!
FINALLY! HOW COME YOUR SO-CALLED SUPER TRACKING POWERS TOOK SO LONG TO FIND HIS SCENT?
HEY, IT'S NOT MY FAULT I HAD A COLD!
KALUS! TOTEM BILLY! STOP BICKERING! ENJOY THE THRILL OF THE HUNT! SONIC WILL SOON BE AT OUR MERCY!

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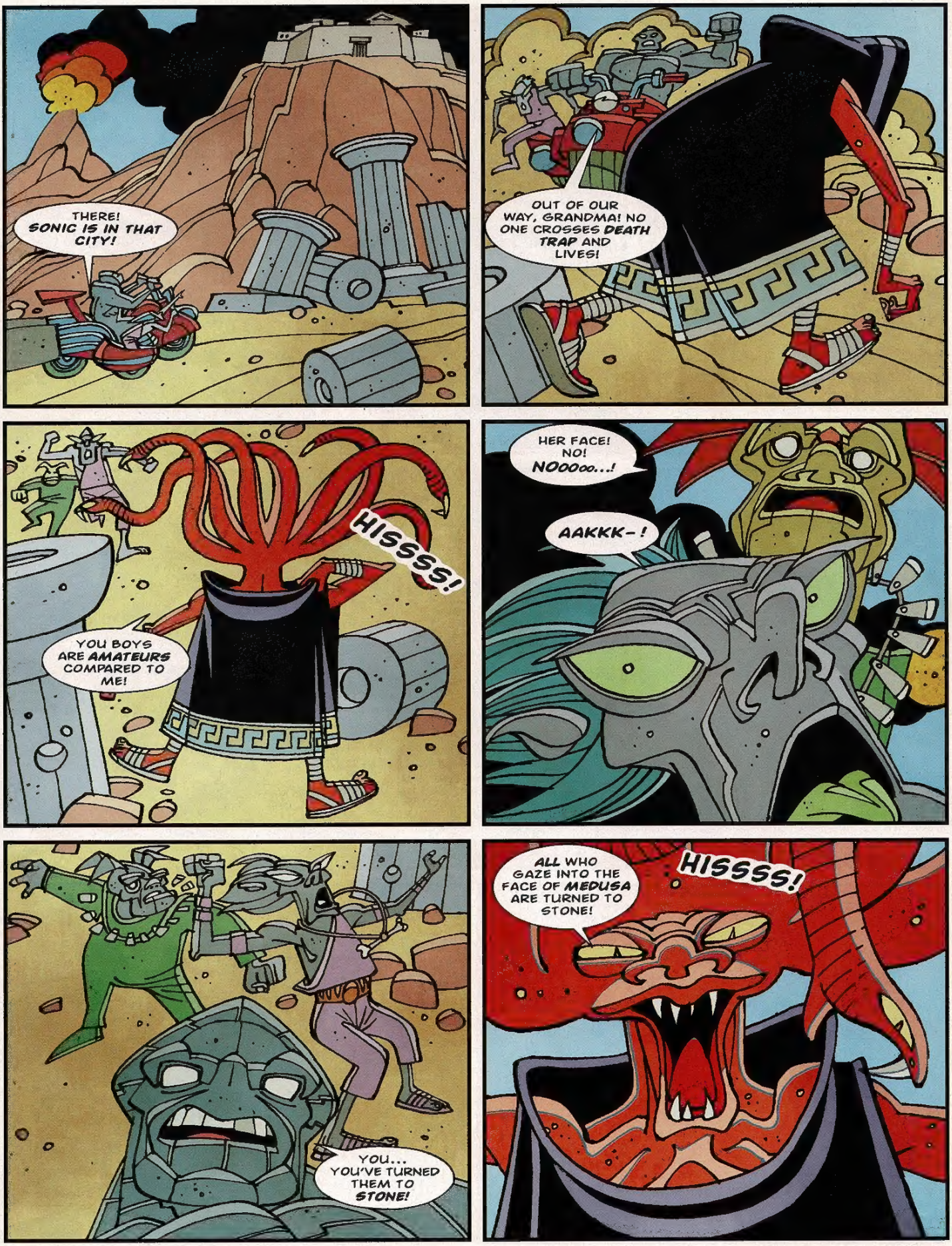
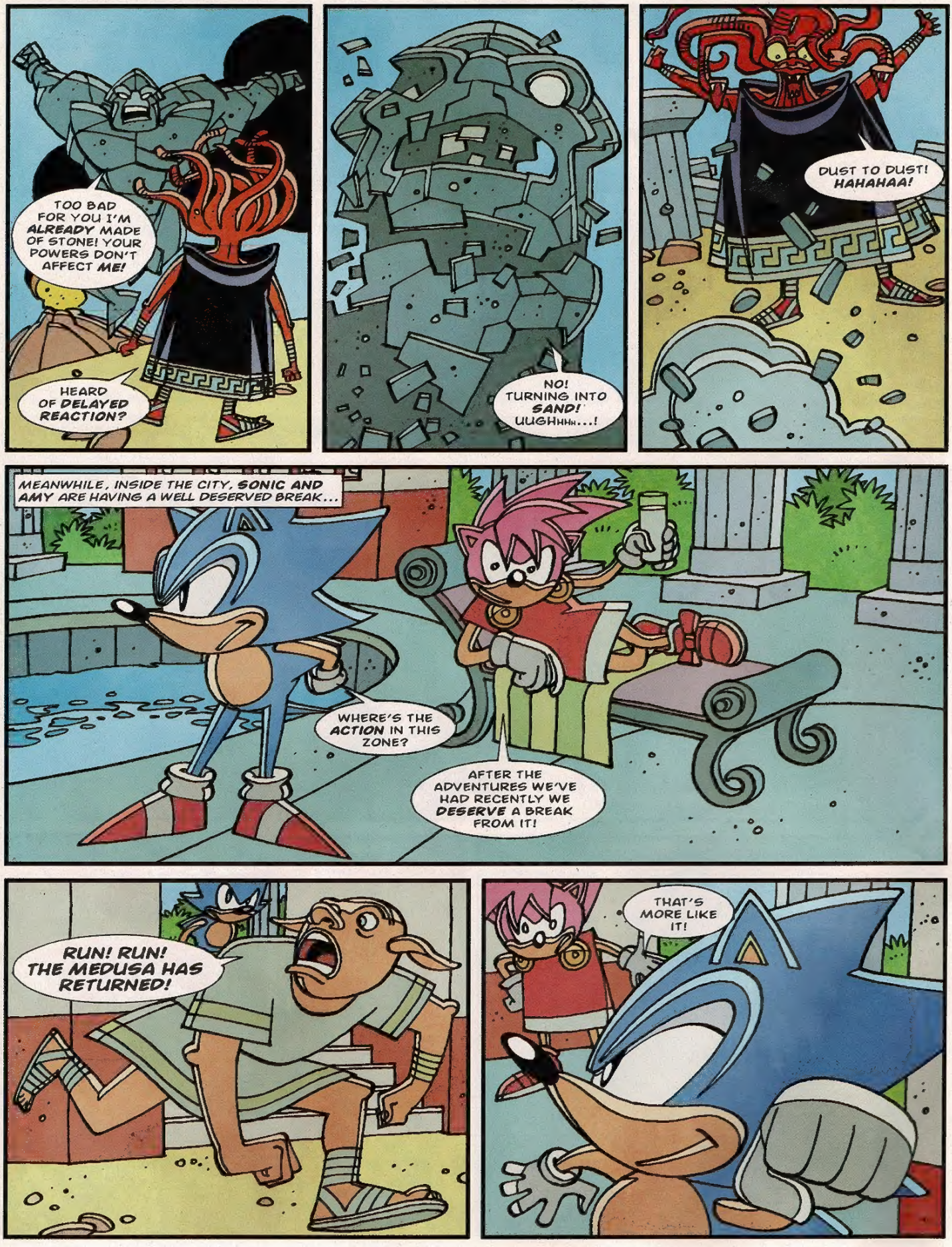
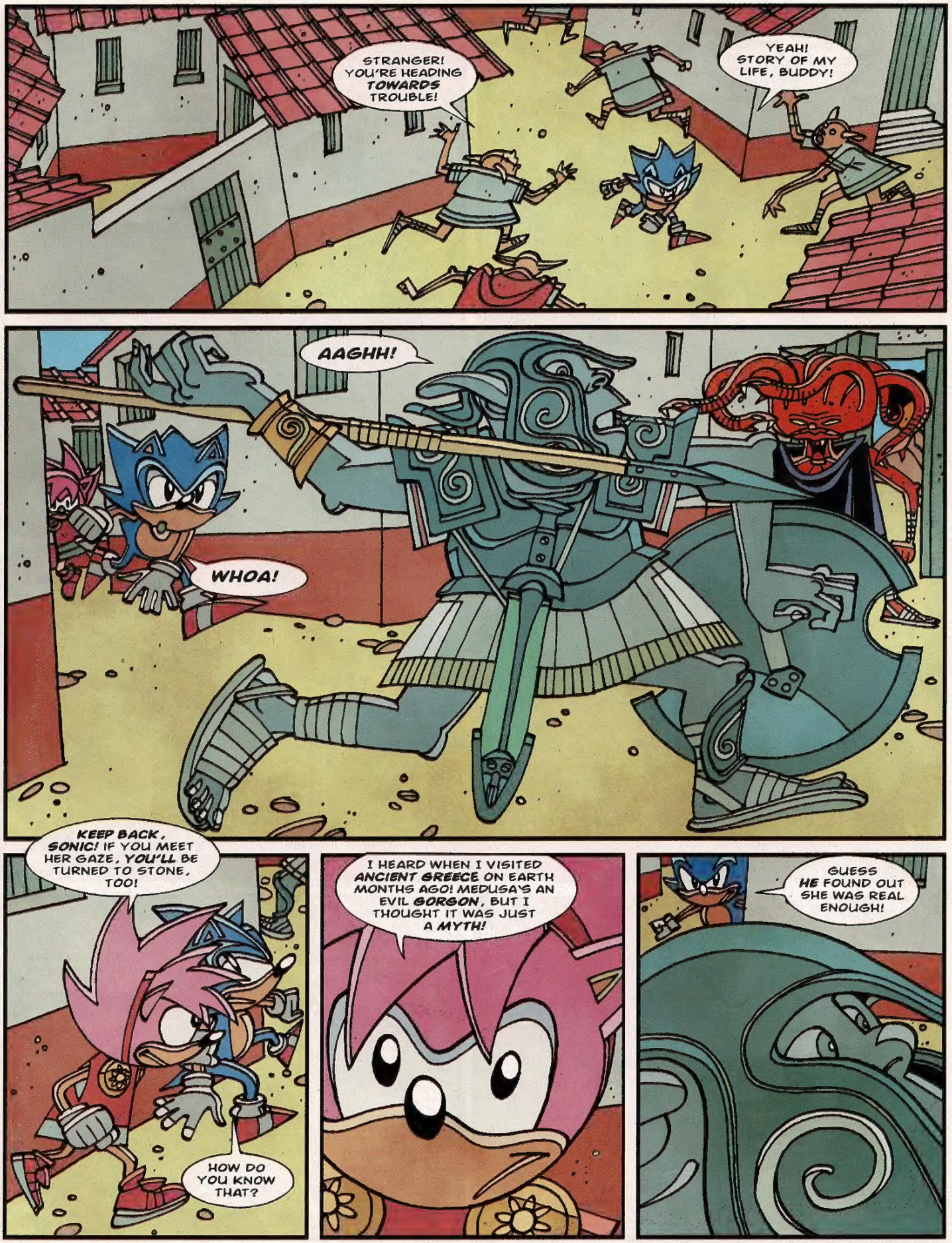
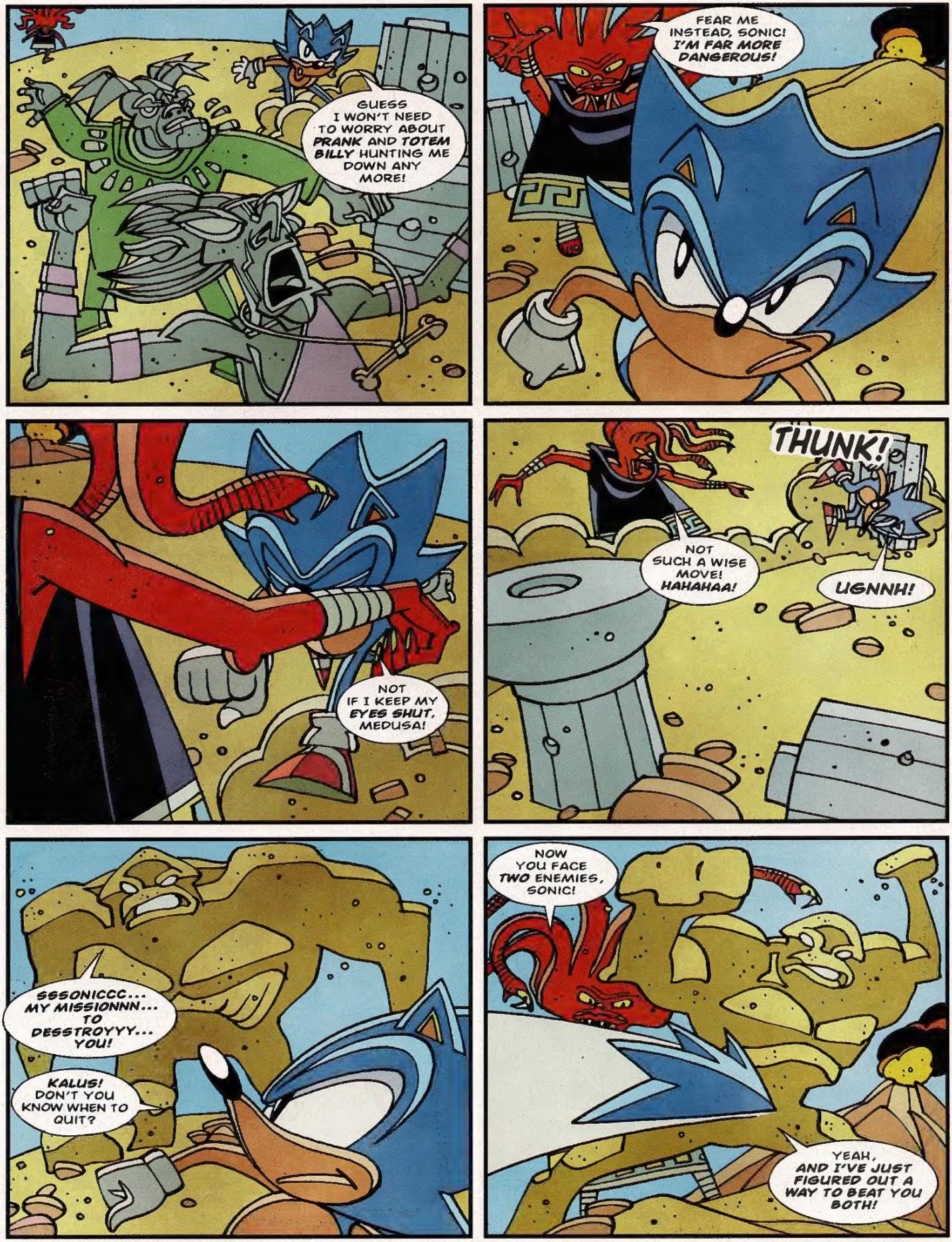
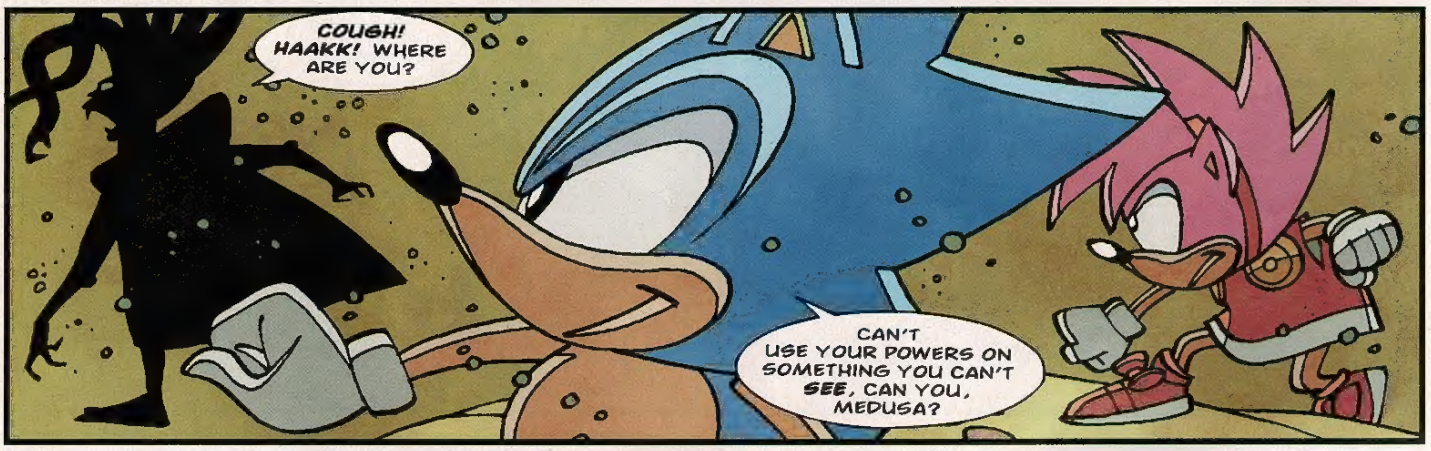

THERE! SONIC IS IN THAT CITY!
OUT OF OUR WAY, GRANDMA! NO ONE CROSSES DEATH TRAP AND LIVES!
HISSSS!
YOU BOYS ARE AMATEURS COMPARED TO ME!
HER FACE! NO! NOOOoo...!
AAKKK-!
YOU... YOU'VE TURNED THEM TO STONE!
ALL WHO GAZE INTO THE FACE OF MEDUSA ARE TURNED TO STONE!
HISSSS!

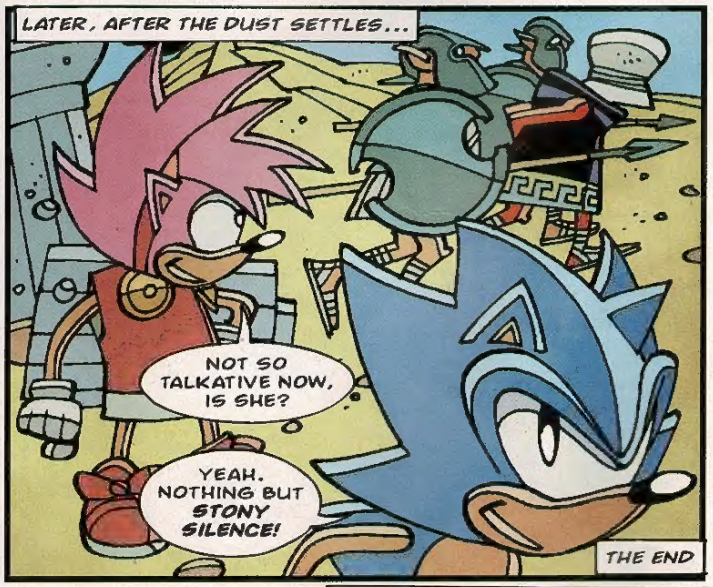

TOO BAD FOR YOU I'M ALREADY MADE OF STONE! YOUR POWERS DON'T AFFECT ME!
HEARD OF DELAYED REACTION?
NO! TURNING INTO SAND! UUGHHHH...!
DUST TO DUST! HAHAHAA!
MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE CITY, SONIC AND AMY ARE HAVING A WELL DESERVED BREAK...
WHERE'S THE ACTION IN THIS ZONE?
AFTER THE ADVENTURES WE'VE HAD RECENTLY WE DESERVE A BREAK FROM IT!
RUN! RUN! THE MEDUSA HAS RETURNED!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!


STRANGER! YOU'RE HEADING *TOWARDS* TROUBLE!
YEAH! STORY OF MY LIFE, BUDDY!
AAGHH!
WHOA!
KEEP BACK, SONIC! IF YOU MEET HER GAZE, *YOU'LL* BE TURNED TO STONE, TOO!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
I HEARD WHEN I VISITED *ANCIENT GREECE* ON EARTH MONTHS AGO! MEDUSA'S AN EVIL *GORGON*, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A *MYTH!*
GUESS *HE* FOUND OUT SHE WAS REAL ENOUGH!

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
DON'T LOOK INTO HER EYES!
ACCORDING TO LEGEND, THE HERO JASON DEFEATED THE MEDUSA BY REFLECTING HER IMAGE BACK TO HERSELF!
FOOL! THAT PART OF THE LEGEND IS A LIE! I AM IMMUNE TO MY OWN MAGIC!
UH-OH!
SO! THE HEDGEHOG BECOMES A CHICKEN AND RUNS AWAY, EH?
I'M MOVING THE FIGHT AWAY FROM THE CITY SO NO ONE ELSE GETS HURT!


GUESS I WON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT PRANK AND TOTEM BILLY HUNTING ME DOWN ANY MORE!
FEAR ME INSTEAD, SONIC! I'M FAR MORE DANGEROUS!
NOT IF I KEEP MY EYES SHUT, MEDUSA!
THUNK!
NOT SUCH A WISE MOVE! HAHAHAA!
UGNNH!
SSSONICCC... MY MISSIONNN... TO DESSTROYYY... YOU!
KALUS! DON'T YOU KNOW WHEN TO QUIT?
NOW YOU FACE TWO ENEMIES, SONIC!
YEAH, AND I'VE JUST FIGURED OUT A WAY TO BEAT YOU BOTH!





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BERNARD MATTHEWS

TWIZZLERS

HI KIDS!

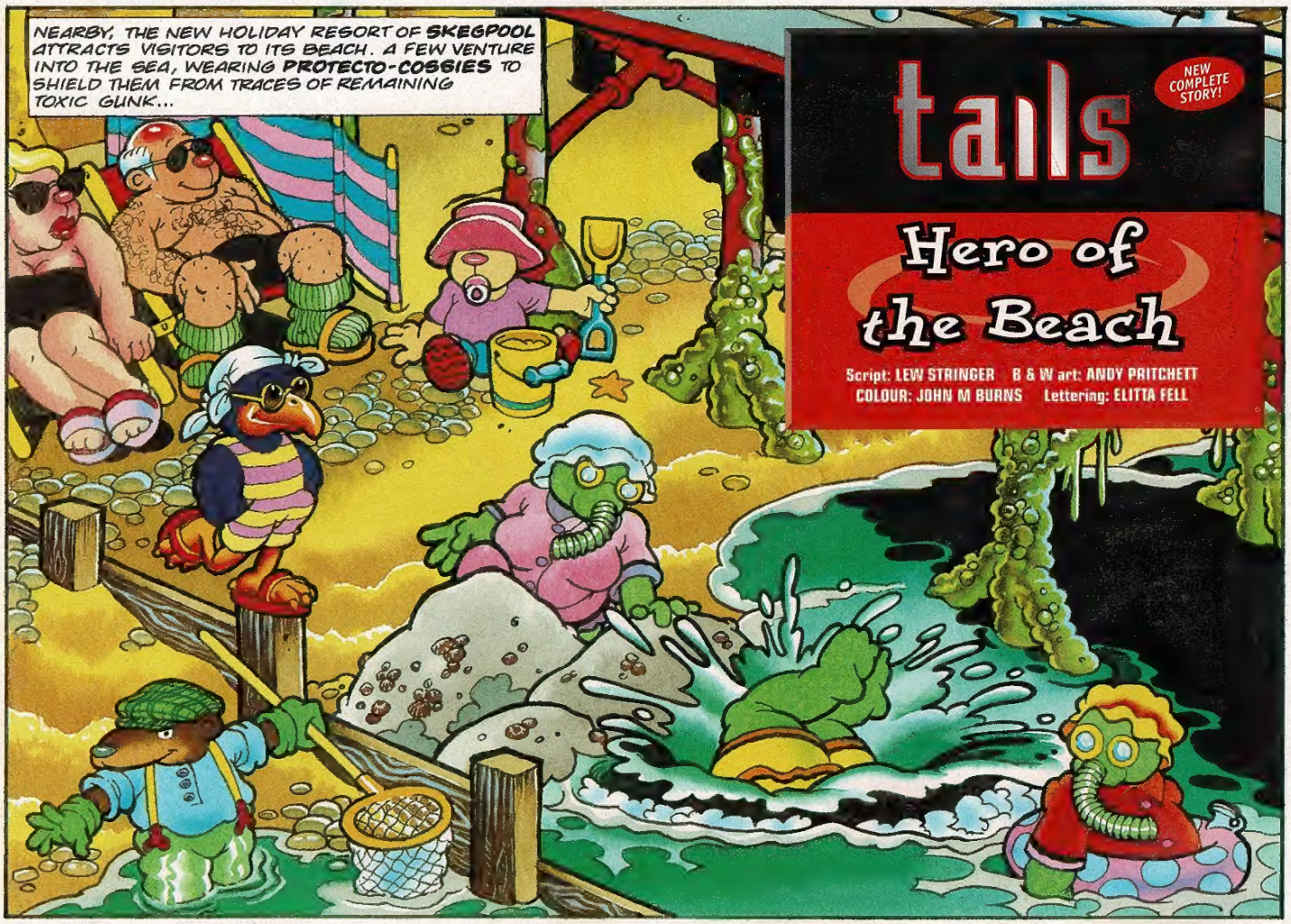
GET TOTALLY TWISTED WITH THIS BERNARD MATTHEWS TWIZZLER GAME!

SO THAT YOU CAN PLAY YOU'LL NEED TO CUT OUT THIS PAGE AND GLUE IT ON TO A PIECE OF CARD. THEN CUT OUT THE COUNTERS AND THE TWIZZLER SPINNING DIE. A COCKTAIL STICK NEEDS TO BE PUSHED THROUGH THE MIDDLE TO GET IT TO TWIRL. MAKE SURE YOU TWIST AN ADULT'S ARM TO HELP YOU!

GET TWISTING NOW AND WIND YOUR WAY TO THE BOTTOM - BUT HURRY BECAUSE THE LAST ONE DOWN IS A TWIST-HEAD!!

AND, IF YOU'RE LATE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT THOSE YUMMY, TWIRLY, TWISTY, SPIRALS OF TANGY TOMATO TURKEY TWIZZLERS!

ROBOTNIK'S OLD CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN AND A CLEAN UP OPERATION IS UNDER WAY TO RID THE COASTLINE OF POLLUTION...


NEARBY, THE NEW HOLIDAY RESORT OF SKEGPOOL ATTRACTS VISITORS TO ITS BEACH. A FEW VENTURE INTO THE SEA, WEARING PROTECTO-COSSIES TO SHIELD THEM FROM TRACES OF REMAINING TOXIC GUNK...
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NEW COMPLETE STORY!
Hero of the Beach
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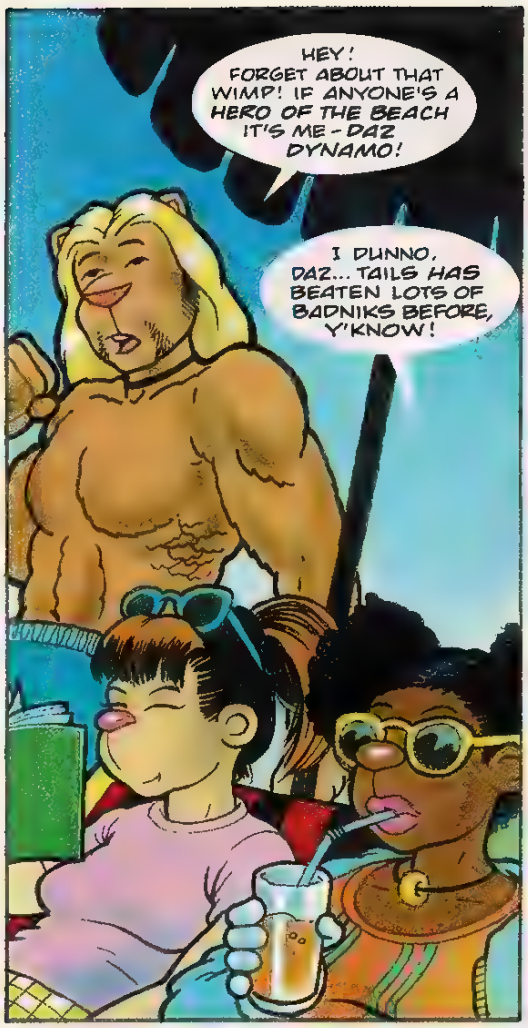
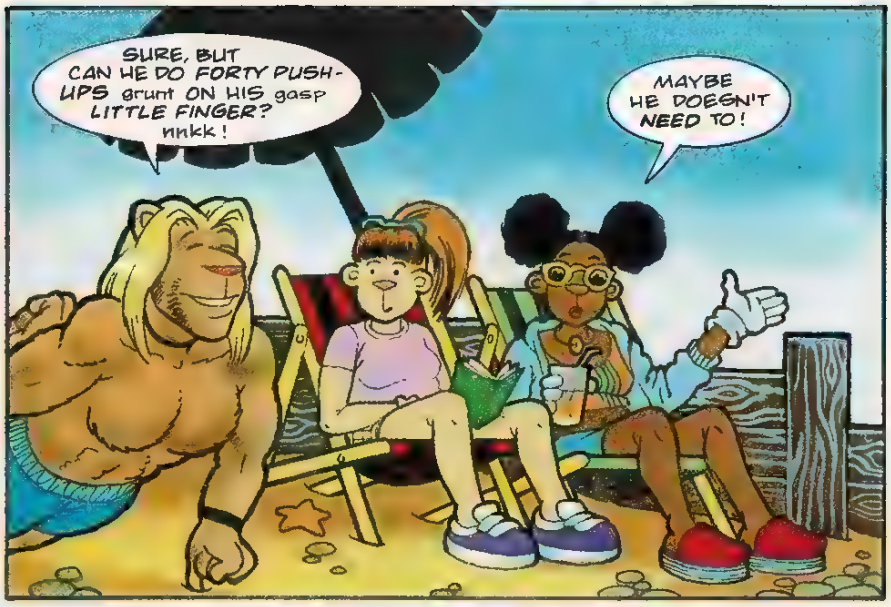
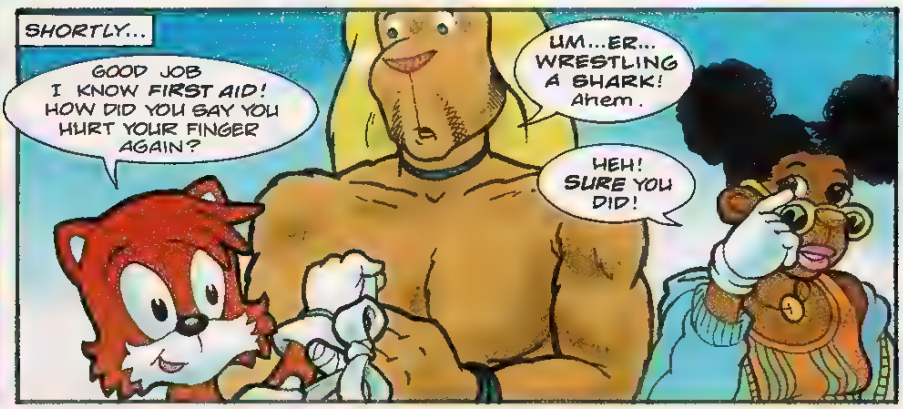
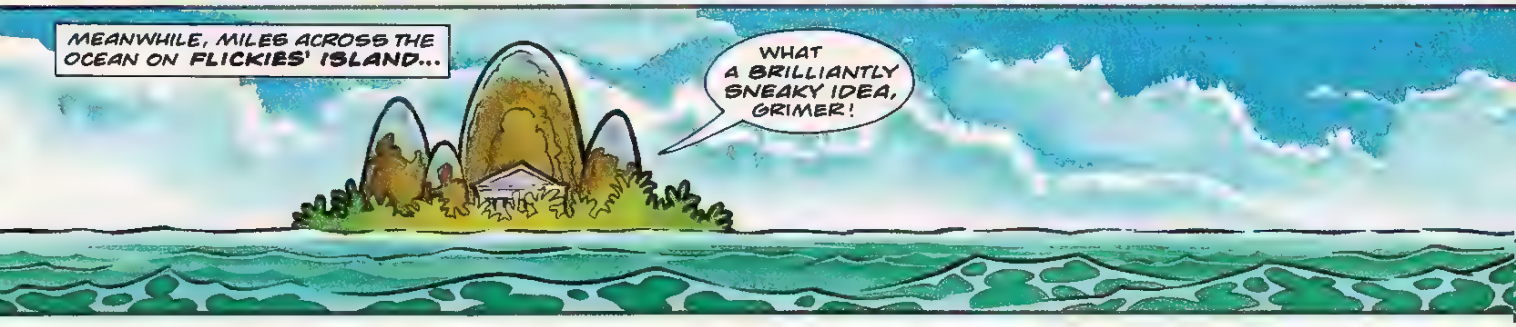
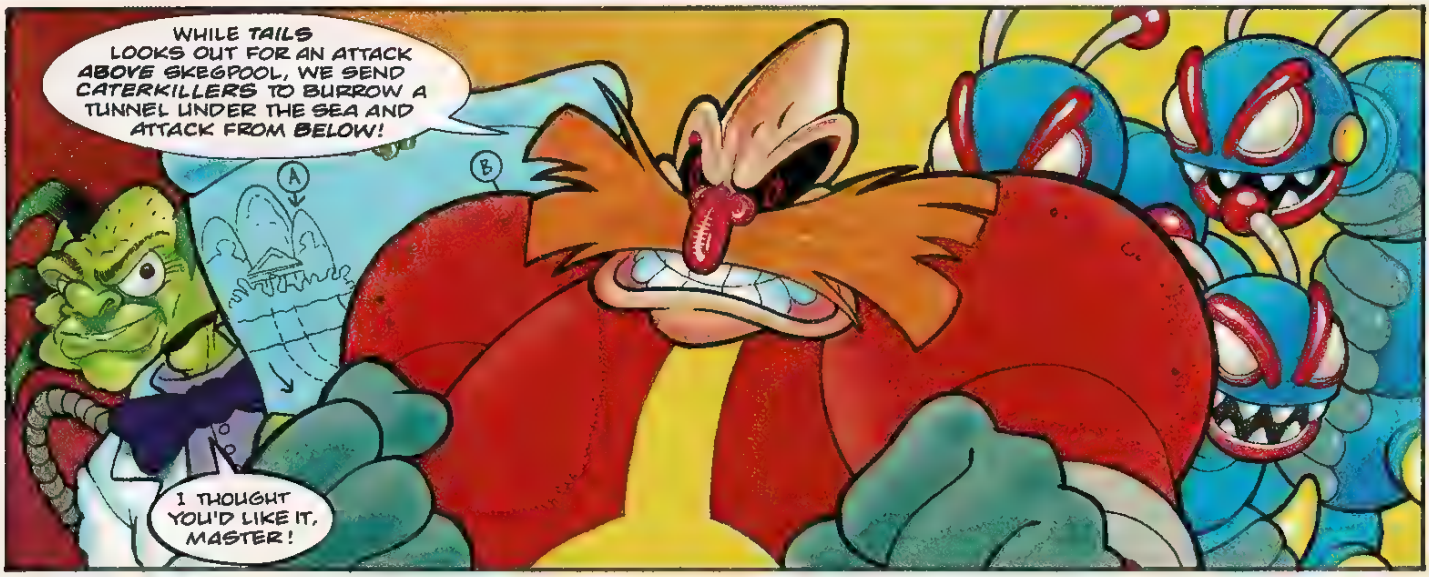
TAILS PATROLS THE SKIES OVER THE RESORT, IN CASE OF ANY BADNIK ATTACKS FROM THE NEARBY FLICKIE S' ISLAND!
YAY! TAILS IS OUR HERO!


HEY! FORGET ABOUT THAT WIMP! IF ANYONE'S A HERO OF THE BEACH IT'S ME - DAZ DYNAMO!
I DUNNO, DAZ... TAILS HAS BEATEN LOTS OF BADNIKS BEFORE, Y'KNOW!


SURE, BUT CAN HE DO FORTY PUSH-UPS grunt ON HIS gasp LITTLE FINGER? nnkk!
MAYBE HE DOESN'T NEED TO!


SHORTLY...
GOOD JOB I KNOW FIRST AID! HOW DID YOU SAY YOU HURT YOUR FINGER AGAIN?
UM...ER... WRESTLING A SHARK! Ahem.
HEH! SURE YOU DID!


MEANWHILE, MILES ACROSS THE OCEAN ON FLICKIES' ISLAND...
WHAT A BRILLIANTLY SNEAKY IDEA, GRIMER!


WHILE TAILS LOOKS OUT FOR AN ATTACK ABOVE SKEGPOOL, WE SEND CATERKILLERS TO BURROW A TUNNEL UNDER THE SEA AND ATTACK FROM BELOW!
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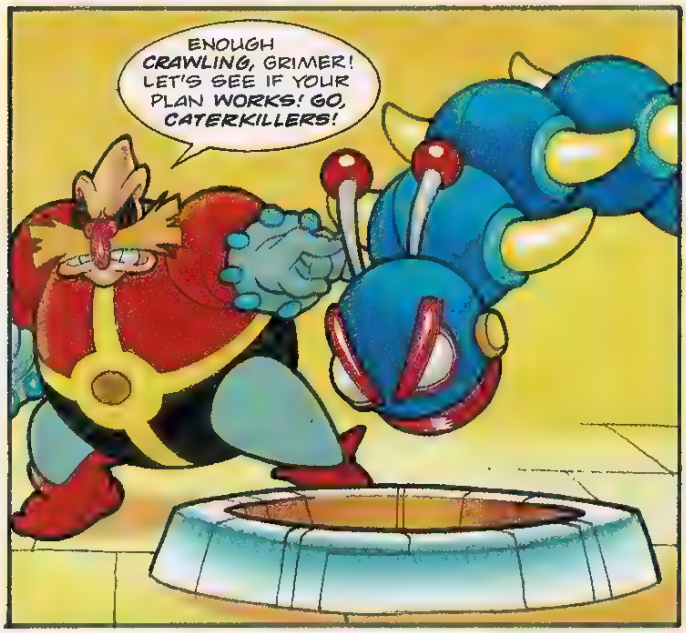
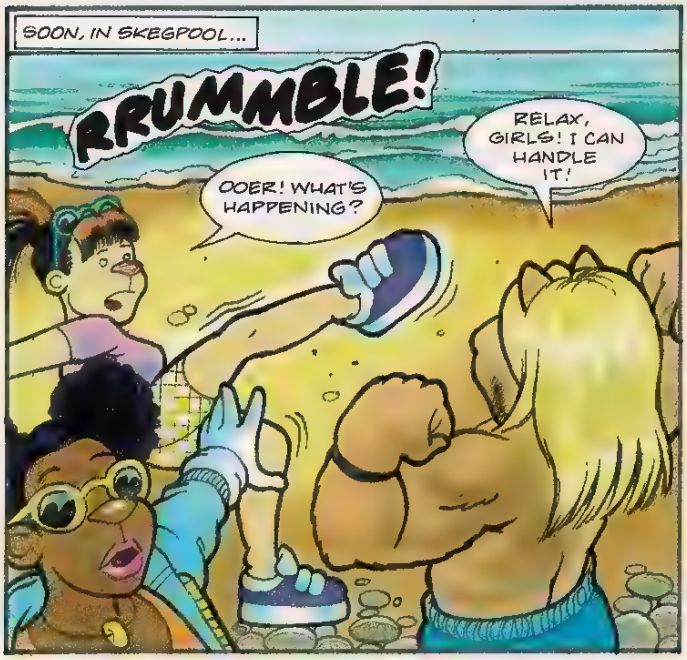
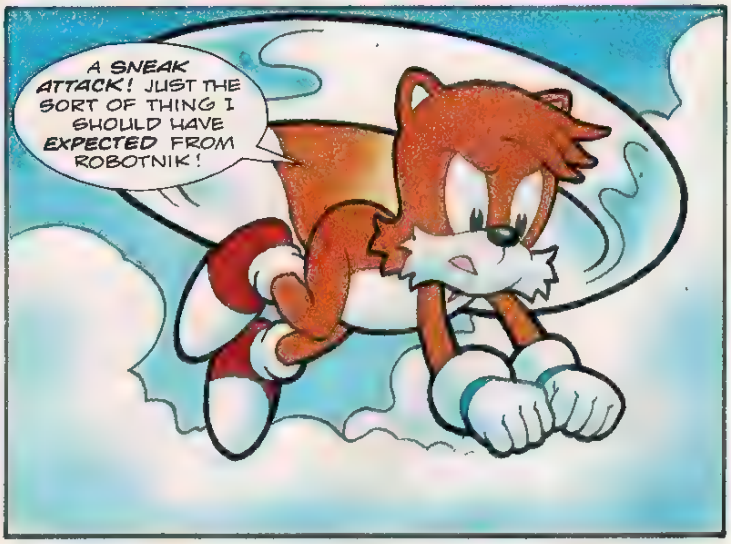
B
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT, MASTER!

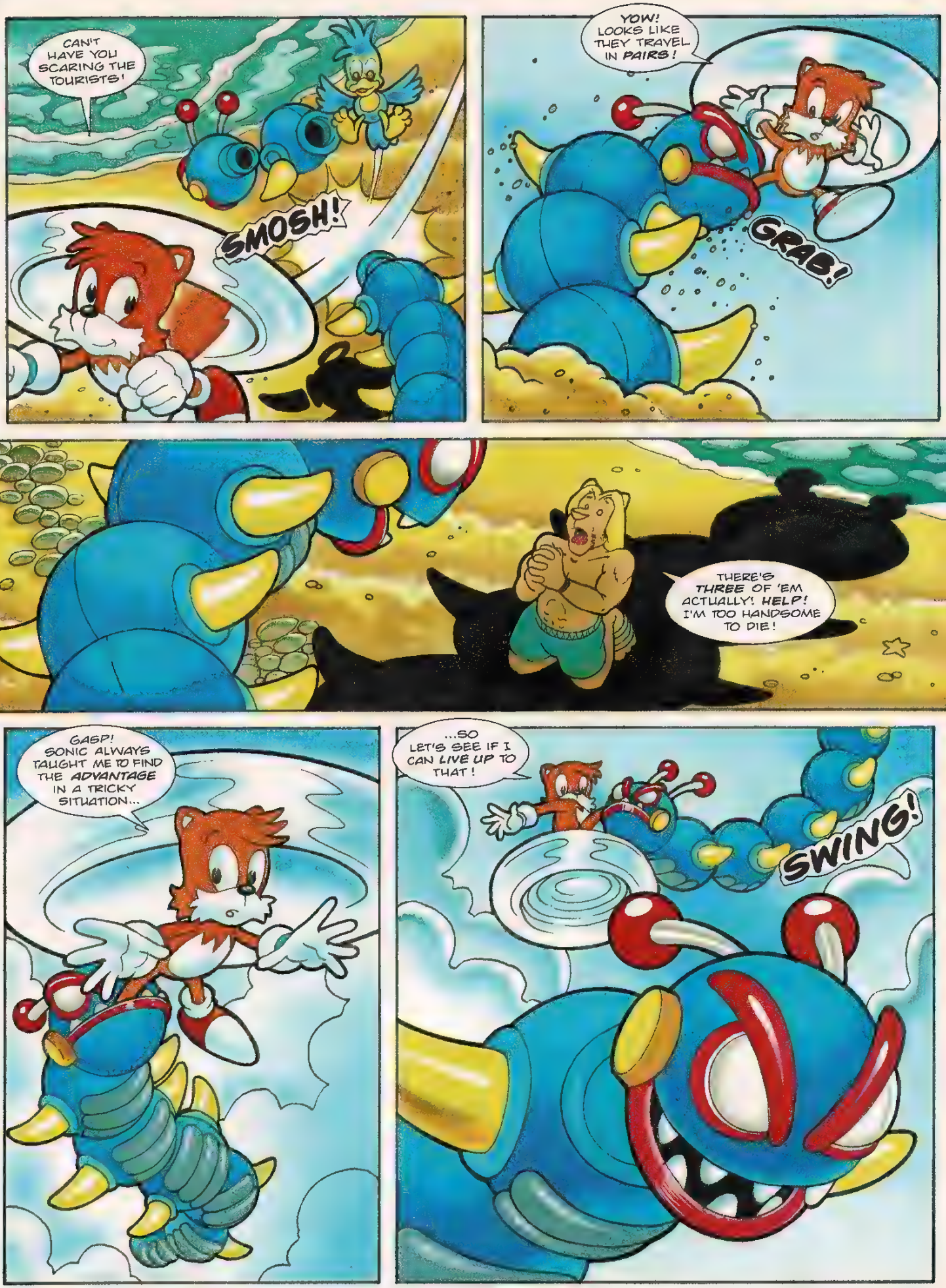
IT'S SNEAKY, UNDERHANDED AND EVIL! OF COURSE I LIKE IT!
I OWE IT ALL TO YOUR INSPIRATION, SIR!

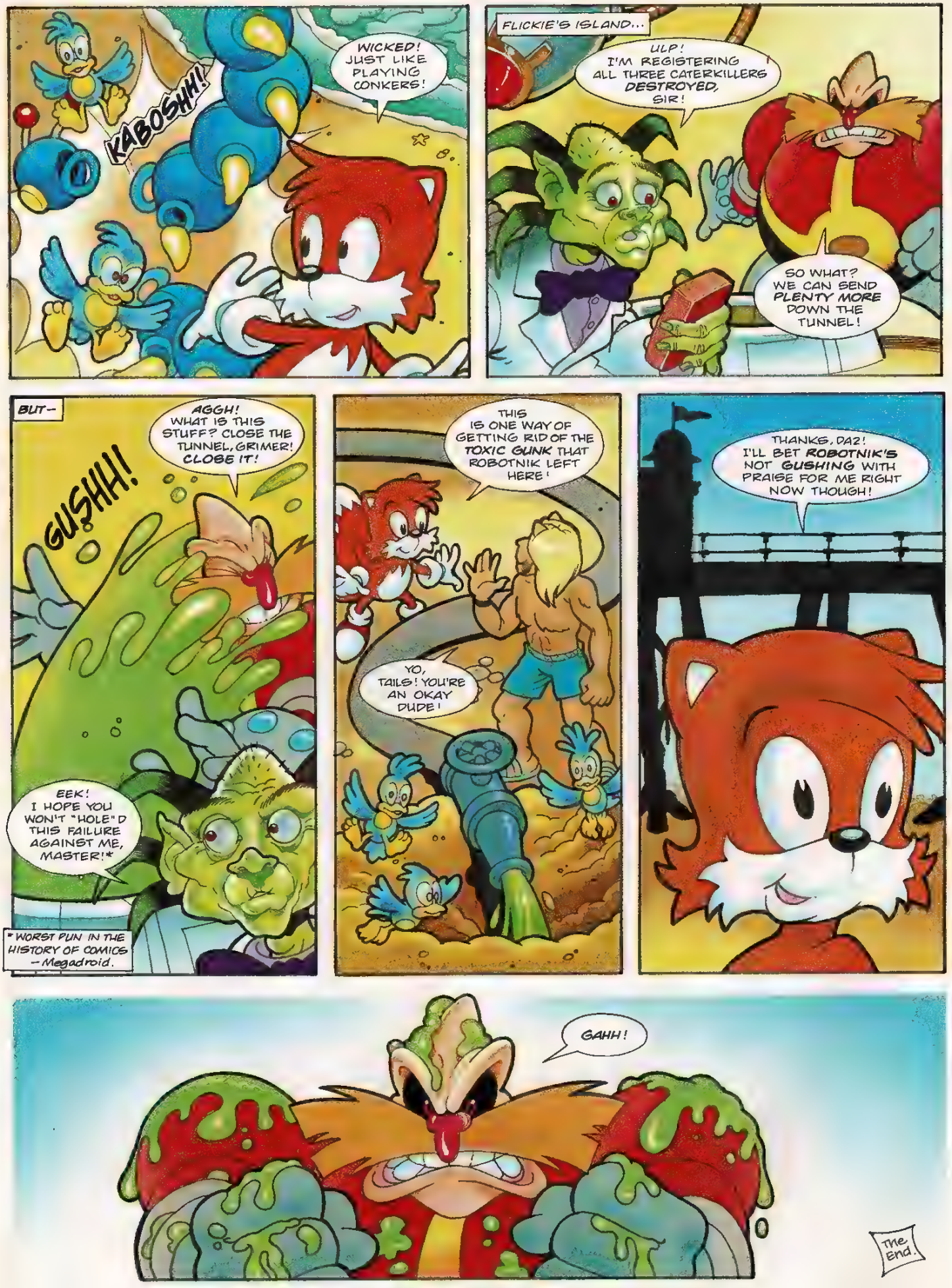
HELLPP! MUMMEE!
BWOFF!
SOME HERO HE IS!


ENOUGH CRAWLING, GRIMER! LET'S SEE IF YOUR PLAN WORKS! GO, CATERKILLERS!


SOON, IN SKEGPOOL...
RRUMMBLE!
OOER! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
RELAX, GIRLS! I CAN HANDLE IT!


A SNEAK ATTACK! JUST THE SORT OF THING I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED FROM ROBOTNIK!


CAN'T HAVE YOU SCARING THE TOURISTS!
SMOSH!
YOW! LOOKS LIKE THEY TRAVEL IN PAIRS!
GRAB!
THERE'S THREE OF 'EM ACTUALLY! HELP! I'M TOO HANDSOME TO DIE!
GASP! SONIC ALWAYS TAUGHT ME TO FIND THE ADVANTAGE IN A TRICKY SITUATION...
...SO LET'S SEE IF I CAN LIVE UP TO THAT!
SWING!


KABOSHH!
WICKED! JUST LIKE PLAYING CONKERS!
FLICKIE'S ISLAND...
ULP! I'M REGISTERING ALL THREE CATERKILLERS DESTROYED, SIR!
SO WHAT? WE CAN SEND PLENTY MORE DOWN THE TUNNEL!
BUT—
AGGH! WHAT IS THIS STUFF? CLOSE THE TUNNEL, GRIMER! CLOSE IT!
GUSHH!
EEK! I HOPE YOU WON'T "HOLE" D THIS FAILURE AGAINST ME, MASTER!*
* WORST PUN IN THE HISTORY OF COMICS —Megadroid.
THIS IS ONE WAY OF GETTING RID OF THE TOXIC GUNK THAT ROBOTNIK LEFT HERE!
YO, TAILS! YOU'RE AN OKAY DUDE!
THANKS, DAZ! I'LL BET ROBOTNIK'S NOT GUSHING WITH PRAISE FOR ME RIGHT NOW THOUGH!
GAHH!
The End.

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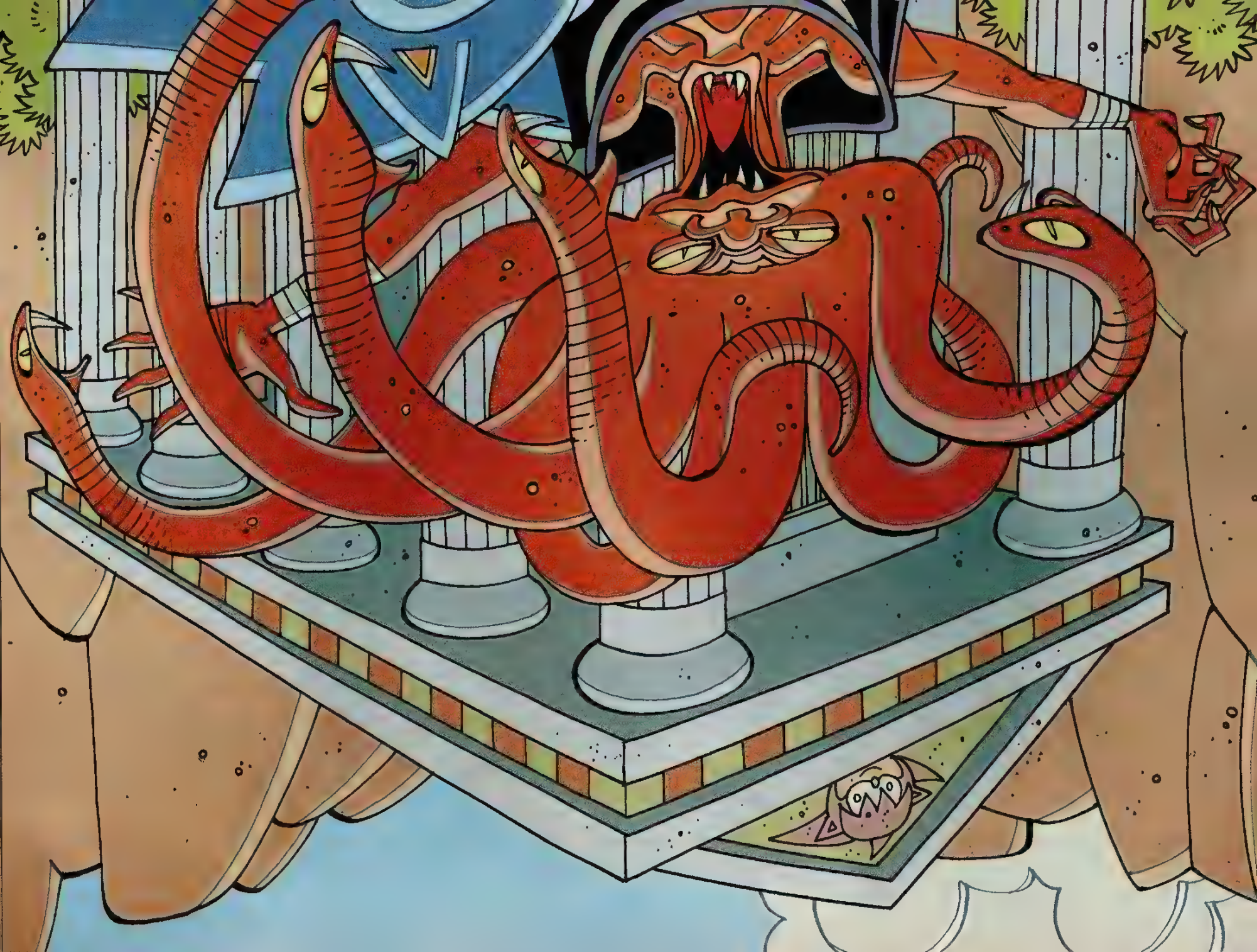

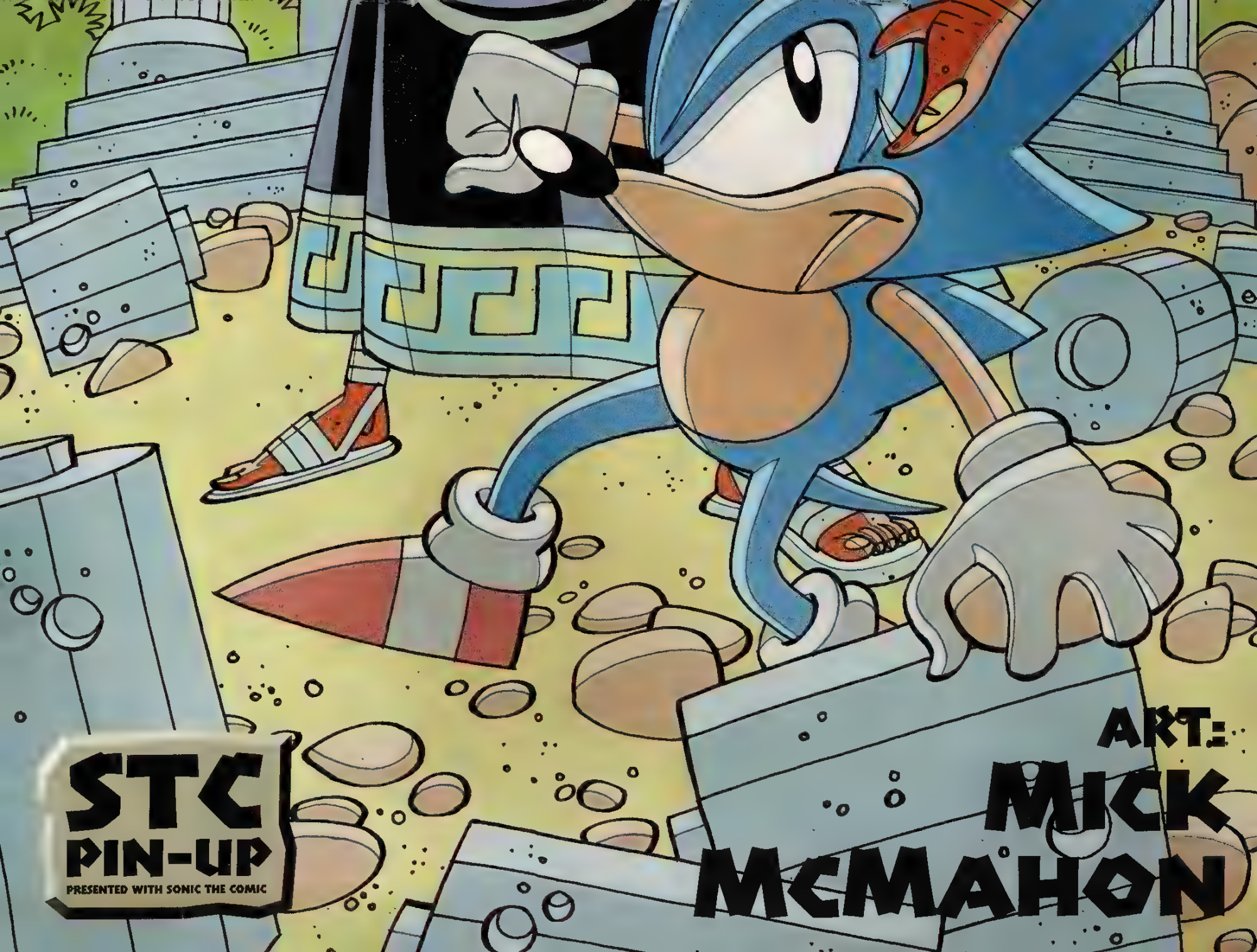
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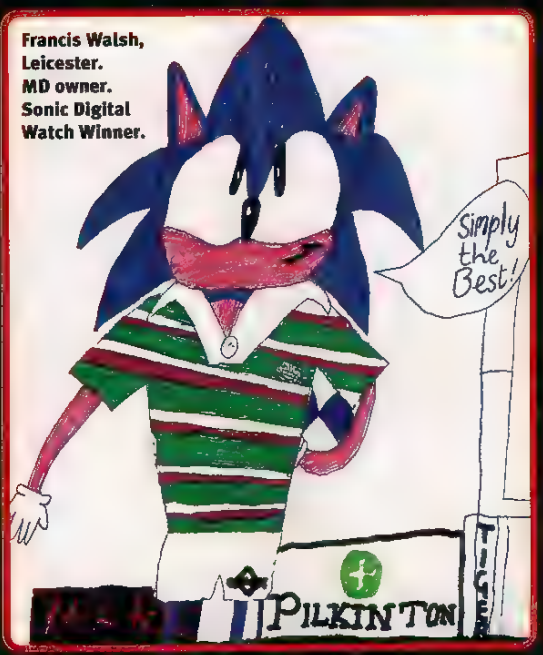

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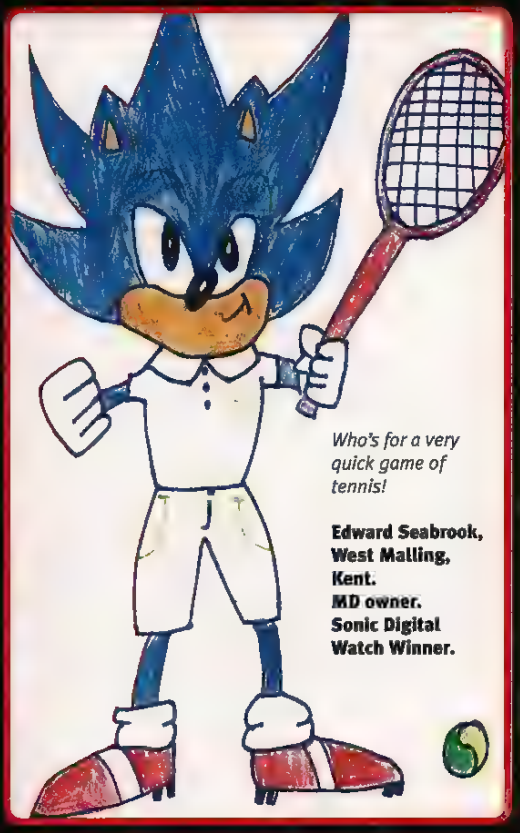

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I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO EE, FILCH, ATTACHING THIS HERE STAR POST TO MY NEW SHIP WAS A STROKE OF GENIUS!
CAPTAIN Plunder
SHANGHAIED
Part 1
NEW STORY
THANK EE KINDLY, CAPTAIN PLUNDER, SIR.
USING THE STAR POST'S DIMENSION HOPPING POWER, NO ZONE IS SAFE FROM US!
WE'LL SOON BECOME THE MOST FEARED PIRATES IN HISTORY!
AN' WE'LL START BY BLEEDING THIS ZONE DRY!
JUST AS SOON AS MY PRESS GANG RUSTLE ASHORE SOME NEW CREW MEMBERS!

THAT MOMENT IN NEW TEK CITY'S DOCKLANDS...
THE RUNT'S TOO SKINNY!
HE'LL HAVE TO DO... THE CAP'N WILL HAVE OUR HIDES IF WE GOES BACK EMPTY-HANDED!
WHAT?
SCRAGG HIM!
DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO ROUGH?
SOMETIMES, I THINK EE WASN'T CUT OUT TO BE A PIRATE, SIDNEY!
LET'S GET HIM BACK TO THE SHIP, MATES!
SOON...
HERE THEY ARE, CAPTAIN!
SPLICE THE OLD MAIN BRACE AND HOIST THE AFT GINNEL BY THE PORT YARD ARM AND...
SHUT YER TRAP, SIMPSON!
ONLY ONE! YOU USELESS, SCUMMY SEA-DOGS!
BUT CAP'N, WE...
CHUCK HIM IN THE HOLD, I'LL DEAL WITH HIM LATER!

NEXT MORNING...
THAT BE NOT A BAD BREAKFAST, CONSIDERING YOU COOKED IT, SIMPSON!
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE MY DINNER READY ON TIME!
AN' NOW I BE CRAVING CHOCOLATE! FETCH ME A DOZEN BARS OF 'OLD CARIBBEAN' FROM THE HOLD!
GET A MOVE ON, SIMPSON, AN' STOP ACTING WEIRD!
MORNIN', PIRATE DUDES!
DROP DEAD, SIMPSON!
BLIMEY, HE'S SCOFFED THE LOT!
YOU PIRATES WILL BE HEARING FROM MY SOLICITOR!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, I'M THE FAMOUS ALCHEMIST, PROCTOR SPECKLE!
KEEP WALKIN', YOU SWAB! NO-ONE EATS CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S SWEETIES AN' LIVES TO TELL THE TALE!
PROCTOR SPECKLE, WHY HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE?
YOU'LL REGRET THIS, YOU RUFFIANS!
TELL IT TO THE SHARKS!
HA! HA! HA!
SPLOOSH
IF I COULD ONLY REACH MY TRANSFORMING SERUM IN MY INSIDE POCKET!
OH NO! THE STOPPER'S COME OUT... HAVE TO ACT FAST!
WHAT BE TAKING THEM SHARKS SO LONG?
RIP!
SPLASH!
SKRTCH!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS, CAPTAIN!
GRAAAHGH!
I'VE JUST REMEMBERED WHY I'VE HEARD THE NAME PROCTOR SPECKLE! HE'S THE ONE WHO TURNS INTO MURDEROUS MR FRY!
NOW YOU TELL ME!

NEXT ISSUE: MR FRY GETS EVEN!

HIGH ABOVE PLANET MOBIUS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS GETTING OVER-EXCITED.
FINALLY, THE GLORIOUS MOMENT HAS COME!
AT LAST THE REPAIRS TO MY ALL-POWERFUL DEATH EGG ARE COMPLETE!
WE REQUIRE ONLY ONE MORE THING, GREAT ROBOTNIK! A SOURCE OF INFINITE ENERGY TO POWER THE DEATH EGG!
YES... THE MASTER EMERALD!
THE TIME HAS COME, MY BADNIK ... BRING ME THE MASTER EMERALD! AND IF KNUCKLES SHOULD GET IN YOUR WAY... DESTROY HIM!
I OBEY.
BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND...
SEE, SONIC? I TOLD YOU I KNEW MY WAY AROUND THESE TUNNELS!
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID WHEN YOU LED US DOWN THE LAST DEAD END...
I WAS RIGHT! THIS LIVE VOLCANO IS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAUNCH BASE ZONE.
WE MUST BE REALLY CLOSE TO THE DEATH EGG HERE!
CLOSER THAN YOU THINK, BUDDY...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Count Down to Disaster
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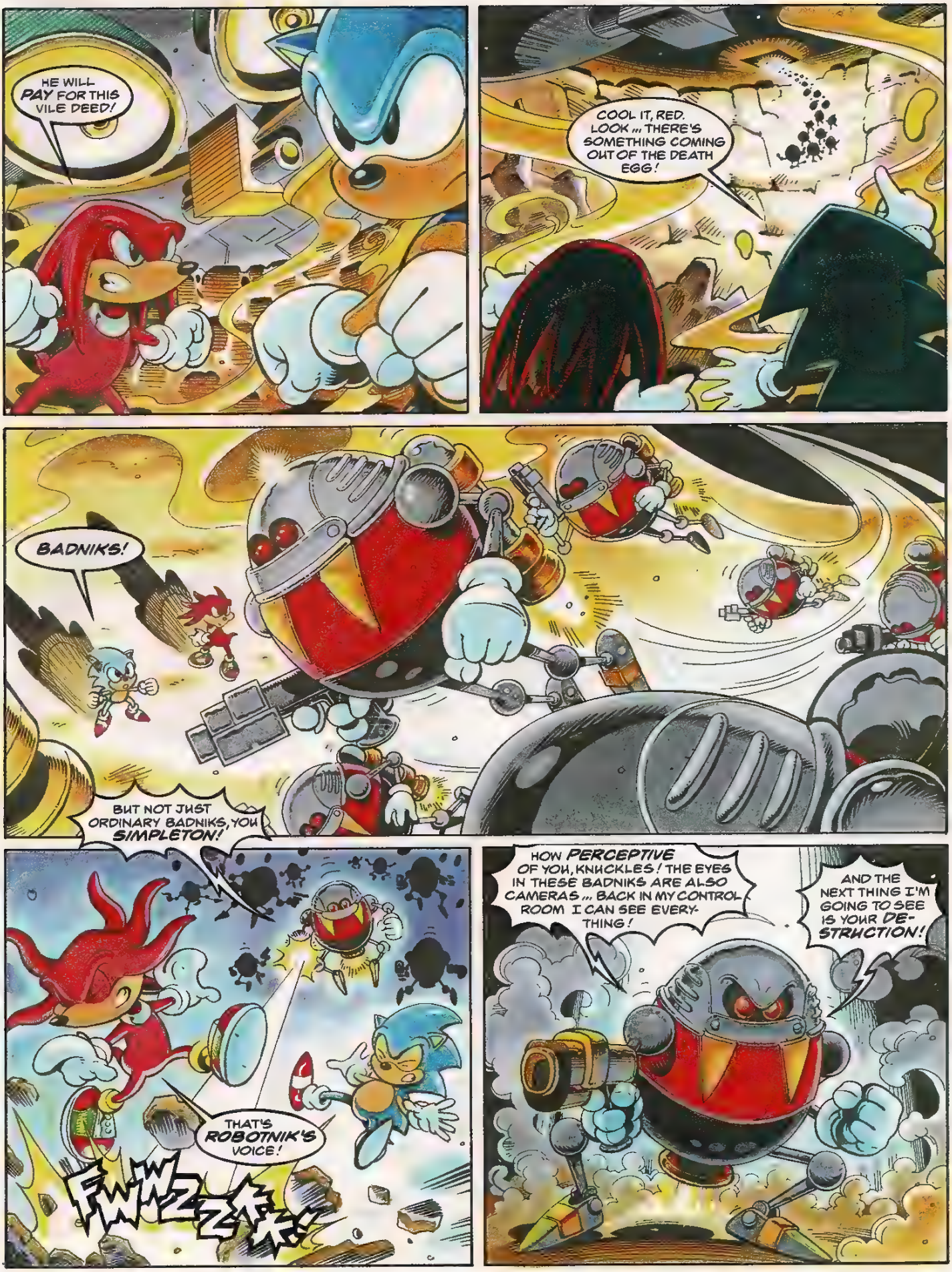
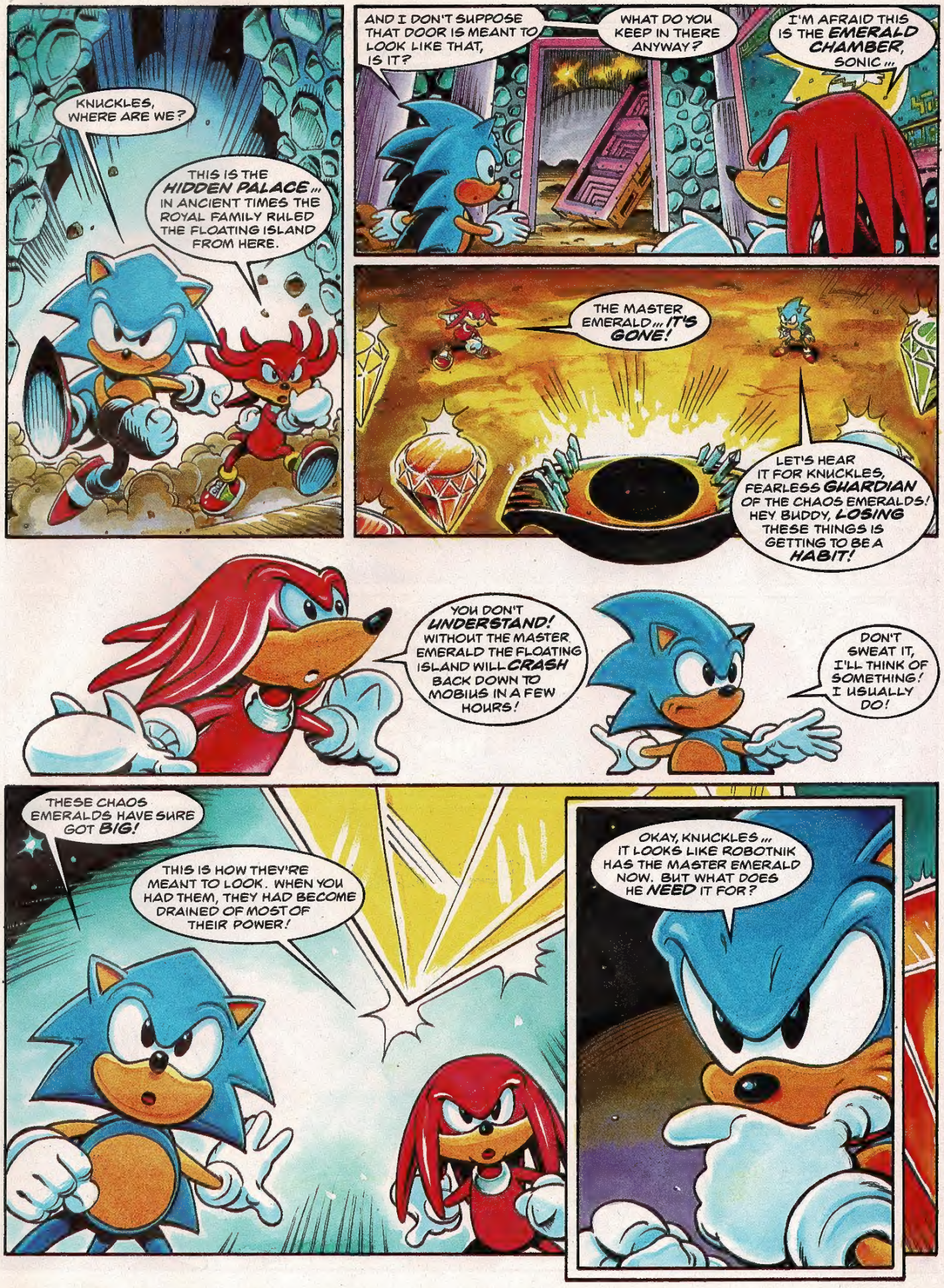
... CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ROBOTNIK HAS THE DEATH EGG SITTING RIGHT ON TOP OF THE VOLCANO!


HE WILL PAY FOR THIS VILE DEED!
COOL IT, RED. LOOK ... THERE'S SOMETHING COMING OUT OF THE DEATH EGG!
BADNIKS!
BUT NOT JUST ORDINARY BADNIKS, YOU SIMPLETON!
HOW PERCEPTIVE OF YOU, KNUCKLES! THE EYES IN THESE BADNIKS ARE ALSO CAMERAS ... BACK IN MY CONTROL ROOM I CAN SEE EVERYTHING!
AND THE NEXT THING I'M GOING TO SEE IS YOUR DESTRUCTION!
THAT'S ROBOTNIK'S VOICE!
FWWIZZAK!

SH-K-K-OO-M!
KKRAKK!
SONIC, HOLD IT! THERE'S NO TIME TO SMASH ALL THE BADNIKS SEPARATELY!
I'VE GOT A FASTER WAY!
FASTER THAN ME! DREAM ON, BUDDY!
WATCH AND LEARN, BIG MOUTH!
IT'D BE A SHAME TO WASTE ALL THIS BOILING HOT LAVA ...
KKRAKK!
HEY, THE DEATH EGG IS IN THE OTHER DIRECTION ... WHAT'S THE MATTER, SCARED?
NO ... BUT I'VE JUST HAD A NASTY THOUGHT! FOLLOW ME!


KNUCKLES, WHERE ARE WE?
THIS IS THE HIDDEN PALACE... IN ANCIENT TIMES THE ROYAL FAMILY RULED THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM HERE.
AND I DON'T SUPPOSE THAT DOOR IS MEANT TO LOOK LIKE THAT, IS IT?
WHAT DO YOU KEEP IN THERE ANYWAY?
I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE EMERALD CHAMBER, SONIC...
THE MASTER EMERALD... IT'S GONE!
LET'S HEAR IT FOR KNUCKLES, FEARLESS GHARDIAN OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS! HEY BUDDY, LOSING THESE THINGS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! WITHOUT THE MASTER EMERALD THE FLOATING ISLAND WILL CRASH BACK DOWN TO MOBIUS IN A FEW HOURS!
DON'T SWEAT IT, I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING! I USUALLY DO!
THESE CHAOS EMERALDS HAVE SURE GOT BIG!
THIS IS HOW THEY'RE MEANT TO LOOK. WHEN YOU HAD THEM, THEY HAD BECOME DRAINED OF MOST OF THEIR POWER!
OKAY, KNUCKLES... IT LOOKS LIKE ROBOTNIK HAS THE MASTER EMERALD NOW. BUT WHAT DOES HE NEED IT FOR?

MEANWHILE IN THE DEATH EGG CONTROL ROOM, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS MORE EXCITED THAN EVER.
NOTHING CAN GO WRONG THIS TIME! ONCE THE MASTER EMERALD IS INSTALLED, MY DEATH EGG WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE! UNSTOPPABLE!
I'LL MAKE THOSE EMERALD HILL FOLK SUFFER LIKE NEVER BEFORE! I'LL GRIND SONIC INTO...
BUT MASTER, THE EMERALD HAS NOT YET ARRIVED!
A MINOR DETAIL, YOU FOOL!
EVEN IF SONIC STOPS MY BADNIK BEFORE HE TAKES THE EMERALD, IT WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE...
BECAUSE HE'LL FIND HIMSELF FACING THE ONE BADNIK HE CAN NEVER HOPE TO BEAT!
HA HA
HA HA

MEANWHILE...
HEY! I THOUGHT I SAW A GLOW OVER IN THAT CORNER...
I SEE IT TOO, WHAT...
NO... NO! IT CAN'T BE...
IT'S HIM, METALLIX - THE METAL SONIC!
NEXT ISSUE: HEAVY METAL!

NEXT ISSUE

THE COLOUR OF MUMMY!

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